

High-Priority Tools for Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness



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Public health law and science: A seminar for judges



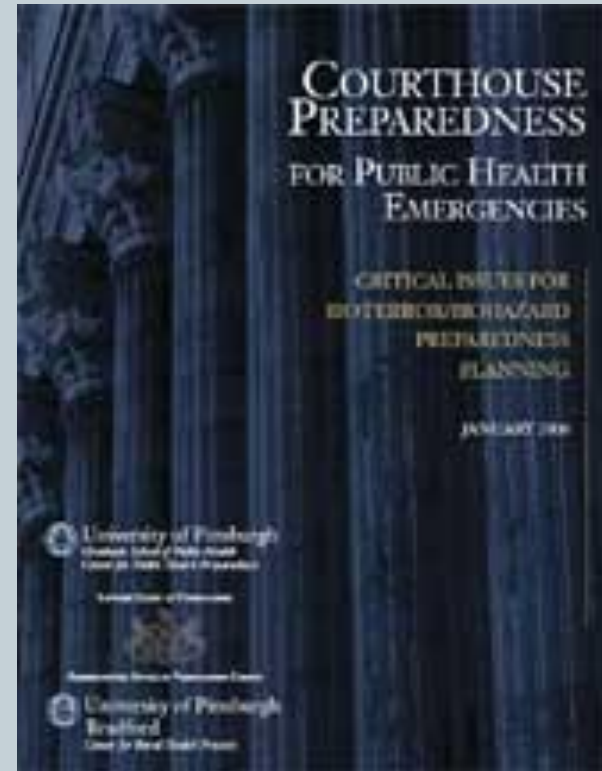
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Background



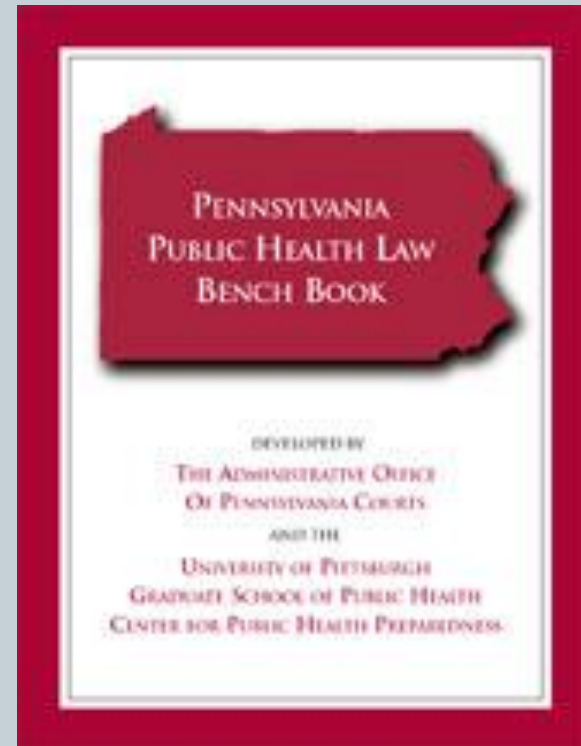
2006 Courthouse Biohazard/Bioterror Preparedness Guide



Background



2007
Pennsylvania
Public Health Law
Bench book



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2008 Court Continuity of Operations Planning

Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning

A Toolkit for Pennsylvania Courts

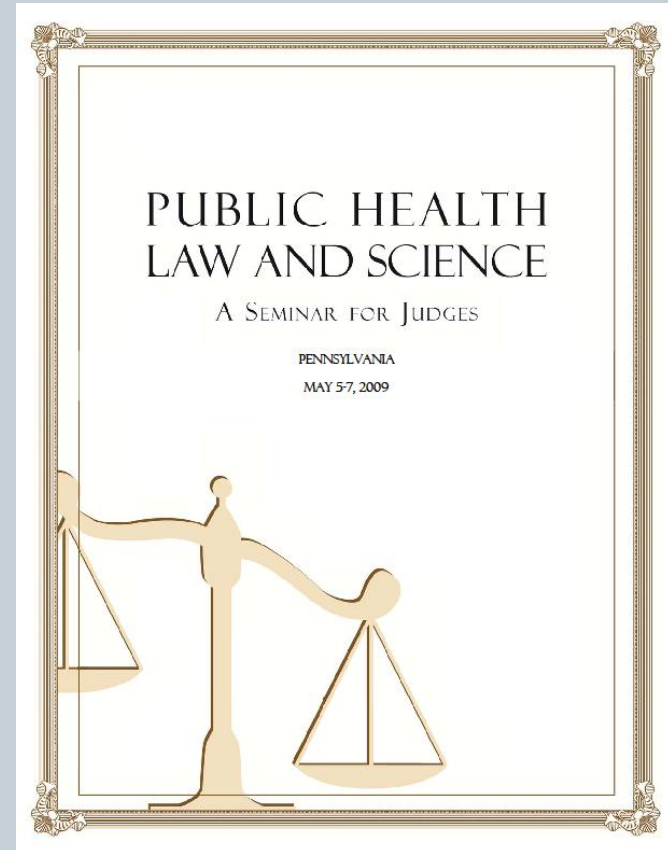
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2009 Public Health Law and Science: A Seminar for Judges



Curriculum – Day 1



- The history of threats to the public's health
(60 min)
- The nature of infectious disease
(90 min)
- Public health practice and science
(90 min)
- Biological agents as instruments of terrorism
(90 min)

Curriculum – Day 2



- Federal jurisdiction in public health matters
(60 min)
- Cross border issues
(30 min)
- State public health law
(90 min)
- The role of the courts in the administration of
public health matters
(60 min)
- Applying the law
(60 min)

Hypothetical Case Studies



1. Quarantine and isolation
2. Mass quarantine
3. Compelled medical procedure
4. Privacy
5. School dismissal
6. Cordon sanitaire
7. Cancellation of mass gatherings
8. Mandatory vaccination
9. Commandeering of private property
10. Judicial emergency

Seminars to date



Evaluation findings/outcomes



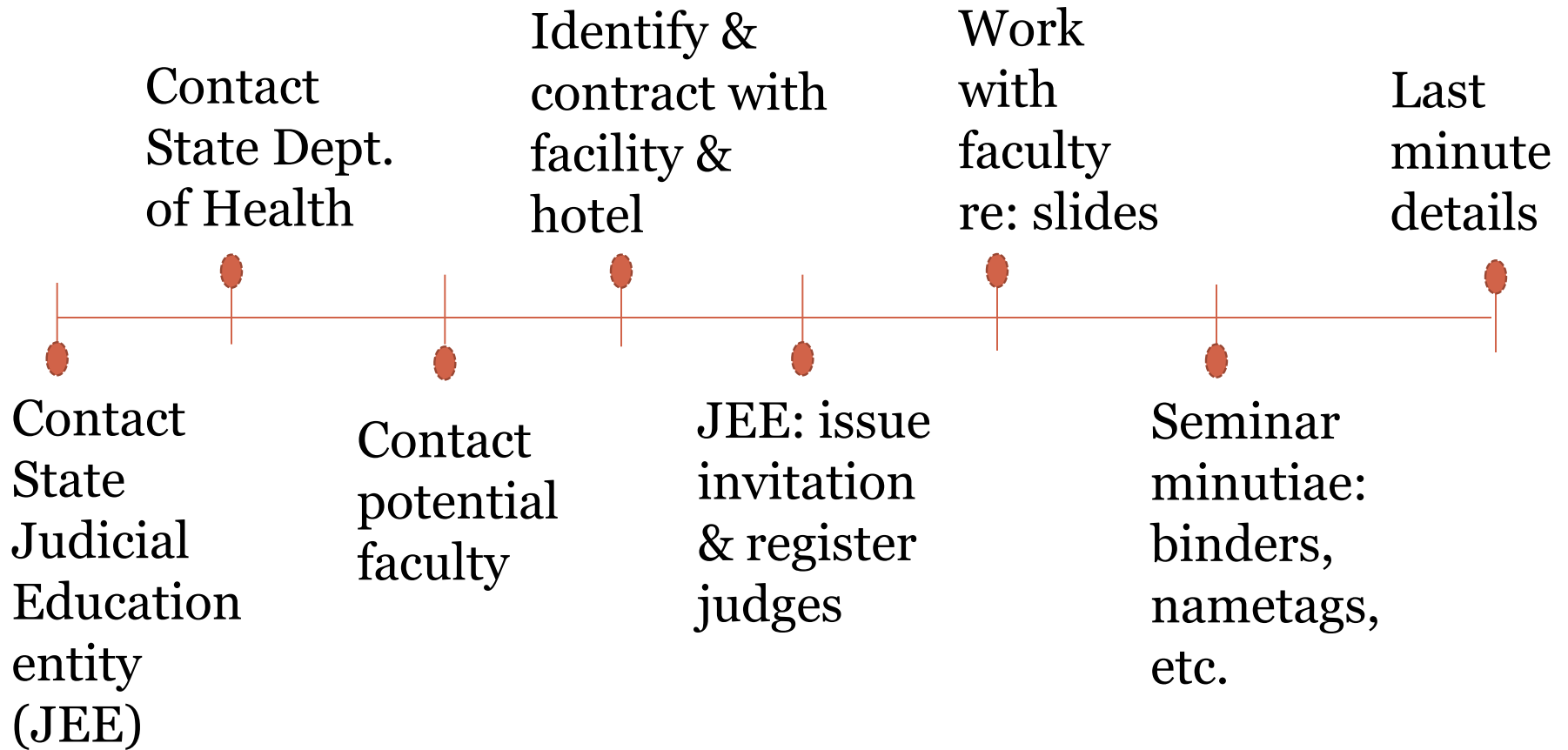
- Relationships
- Improved awareness of the role of public health
- Better prepared judiciary

Lessons learned



- Duration - 3... 2... 1.5....
- Adapt curriculum – avoid mission creep
- No doomsday case studies

Timeline



Lessons learned



- Consider yourself a master at persistence
 - You may prefer “tenacious”
- Establish a good relationship with JEE contacts
- Checklists are your friends – organization is key

Lessons learned



- Stay in communication with speakers
- Expect last minute crises – speaker cancellations, missing presentations – and be prepared
- Remember that the goal of the seminar is to ***build local relationships in public health***

Summit participant feedback – your suggestions



- Topics to be added/other improvements
- How could you get this done in your state – what would be needed?

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Tools



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